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Experts: GOP set for success

Panel discusses SC governor, House, Senate elections

Jonathan Battaglia
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

It's not looking good for the Democrats.

That was the overall conclusion of a panel of political science experts and party officials who discussed national and local races on campus Tuesday night.

South Carolina voters will elect a new governor on Nov. 2, as well as vote in two competitive congressional races. Nationally, Republicans hope to erase a Democratic majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Robert Oldendick, an expert on public opinion polls, said all indications point to "a Republican

landslide" in the House and a slim majority for Democrats in the Senate once voting is over. Oldendick, a USC professor, said he expects the 2010 election cycle to be similar to the 1994 midterm election, when a 54-seat swing gave Republicans a majority in the House despite having a Democratic president.

Jay Parmley, executive director of the S.C. Democratic Party, said the 2010 elections will be different from 1994 because Democrats know they are facing a challenge. Parmley said in 1994, many Democrats lost when they were expecting to win by 20 percentage points.

"I don't believe Democrats are going to lose 60 seats in the House," Parmley said. "I think we actually can maintain a very, very slim majority in the House. If we are in the minority, I think it will just be a handful of seats."

Joel Sawyer, executive director of the S.C. Republican Party, said he was "looking forward to some big gains" in Congress. Sawyer said the "Obama effect" of 2008 would not be present in 2010.

"Barack Obama was a freak of nature in terms of politics," Sawyer said. "Without that rock star on top of the ticket, it's going to be tough for Democrats to get those 2008 Obama voters out again."

Sawyer, a USC alumnus, said he was also confident S.C. Republican gubernatorial candidate Nikki Haley would defeat Democrat Vincent Sheheen. The race has tightened considerably from Haley's 17-point lead in September, according to Oldendick. A Cranford & Associates poll released

GOP • 4

Board OKs premium football lot

Project to cost \$15.5 million

Josh Dawsey
NEWS EDITOR

USC's Board of Trustees approved a \$15.5 million premium parking and event facility on Bluff Road where the Columbia State Farmers Market currently operates, pushing forward a project years in the making.

Construction of the project is slated for completion in fall 2012. The Bluff Road market closes for good Oct. 29.

The athletics facility will include a festive, tree-lined walkway, where the team, cheerleaders and band will walk past fans toward the stadium. There will also be 3,000 parking spots, fencing, lighting, bathroom facilities, trees and an amphitheater. There will also be an area for corporate tailgating.

It's going to be a multi-use area, Athletics Director Eric Hyman said, which could include an indoor football practice field, an indoor track and retail shops.

"We have over 80,000 ticketholders in that stadium, and parking is a chronic problem around Williams-Brice Stadium," said Ted Moore, USC's vice president for finance and planning. "We want to support better parking and more room for the tailgating activities in that area."

Included in the project are possible intramural sports fields, said Hyman.

"If you're going to do it, you might as well do it the right way," Hyman said. "It's going to be here for 30 or 40 years, so if it takes you three months longer to do it right, you might as well do it."

The State Farmers Market moved to U.S. Highway 321 in Lexington County and is partially open, according to reports. It's less than two miles from both I-77 and I-26.

The vote was among \$239 million in construction projects the board approved. Among other things, The Board of Trustees also:

MARKET • 4



'A big tailgating party'

Chick-fil-A plans giveaways, fanfare for Five Points grand opening Thursday

Josh Dawsey and Chelsea Bennett
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Before the sun rose this morning, campers descended on the newest Chick-fil-A in Five Points, scheduled to open early Thursday morning.

The first 100 who show up and camp for 24 hours will receive free Chick-fil-A meals for a year.

It's a tradition that started eight years ago in Arizona, and it's quite the event for every new opening. For those camping, there will be breakfast, lunch, dinner and prizes. Rain and severe weather don't stop the campers, who have been known to bring swimming pools, among other things.

"It's like a big tailgating party," said Lydia Huerta, a public relations facilitator for Chick-fil-A.

Some will come from the Midlands. Others will travel from out of state for the occasion. There are returning campers, the "groupies" who have attended

dozens of campouts.

"We have a gentleman who just completed his 50th," Huerta said. "There's a retired couple named Sam and

OPENING • 4



Keri Goff / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Employees prepare to serve customers starting Thursday at Chick-fil-A's new store in Five Points. The store is one of the 66 opening this year.

SG plans vote on sustainability fund

Josh Dawsey
NEWS EDITOR

USC's Student Senate is slated for a final vote on the student sustainability fund — also known as the green fee — during Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. meeting inside the Senate Chambers.

According to the proposal, both graduate and undergraduate students would pay an extra \$5 a semester to promote environmentally-friendly initiatives on campus. A committee of students, faculty and staff would

consider the proposal.

Sponsor Sen. Andrew Graczyk said the fee increase would eventually lower energy costs and tuition. It would fund internships and small projects as well, organizers have said.

But the proposal has taken heat from those against any fee hike, especially in light of recent tuition and fee increases.

Any increase must be approved by President Harris Pastides and USC's Board of Trustees.

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LOCAL

Wilson fights trip allegations

Republican U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson said Tuesday that questions about his trips overseas amount to insults and attacks on U.S. troops, showing supporters pictures of him wearing body armor to underscore how serious the trips are.

“This is not a vacation. In fact — I obviously consider it an insult to me — it’s an insult to our troops,” Wilson said as veterans surrounded him at a memorial to the nation’s troops on the Statehouse grounds.

Wilson has been sparring for weeks with his opponent Rob Miller after the Democrat began questioning about 40 trips Wilson has made since winning his seat in 2001.

“I will tell you, when you attack me for visiting with the troops and equate it with a vacation, you’re attacking the troops,” Wilson said.

“We’re attacking the fact that he’s traveled to 40 countries and spent over \$100,000 in taxpayer money,” Miller spokesman Patrick Norton said.

Miller’s campaign has emphasized trips to France, Italy, Hawaii, Costa Rica and Africa. “Was Congressman Wilson wearing a flak jacket during his first-class, taxpayer-funded trips to France or Luxembourg?” Norton asked.

Norton made it clear that the criticism also includes the trips to war zones.

“He is taking troops off mission and putting them at greater risk. Instead of fighting the war on terrorism, they’re protecting a Congressman who is after a photo op,” Norton said.

Wilson couldn’t immediately say how many trips were into war zones, but he said all of them were related to his work on the Armed Services Committee or the Foreign Relations Committee and weren’t pleasure trips. On one trip, he took a Medal of Honor hero to an anniversary ceremony for Battle of the Bulge veterans.

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NATIONAL

Following order, US military accepts openly gay recruits

The military is accepting openly gay recruits for the first time in the nation’s history, even as it tries in the courts to slow the movement to abolish its “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.

Some gay activist groups were planning to send people to enlist at recruiting stations to test the Pentagon’s Tuesday announcement.

Meanwhile, a federal judge in California whose ruling last week brought the 17-year policy the closest yet to being overturned was likely to reject the government’s latest effort to halt her order telling the military to stop enforcing the law. The Justice Department will likely appeal if she does not suspend her order.

The Defense Department has said it would comply with U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips’ order and had frozen any discharge cases. But at least one case was reported of a man being turned away from an Army recruiting office in Austin, Texas. Pentagon spokeswoman Cynthia Smith said recruiters had been given top-level guidance to accept applicants who say they are gay.

INTERNATIONAL

Google delivers Dead Sea Scrolls database to Internet

JERUSALEM — The Dead Sea Scrolls, among the world’s most important, mysterious and tightly restricted archaeological treasures, are about to get Googled.

The technology giant and Israel announced Tuesday that they are teaming up to give researchers and the public the first comprehensive and searchable database of the scrolls — a 2,000-year-old collection of Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek documents that shed light on Judaism during biblical times and the origins of Christianity. For years, experts have complained that access to the scrolls has been too limited.

Once the images are up, anyone will be able to peruse exact copies of the original scrolls as well as an English translation of the text on his or her computer

Recruiters also have been told to inform potential recruits that the moratorium on enforcement of the policy could be reversed at any time if the ruling is appealed or the court grants a stay, she said.

While activists were going to enlist, gay rights groups were continuing to tell service members to avoid revealing that they are gay, fearing they could find themselves in trouble should the law be reinstated.

“What people aren’t really getting is that the discretion and caution that gay troops are showing now is exactly the same standard of conduct that they will adhere to when the ban is lifted permanently,” said Aaron Belkin, executive director of the Palm Center, a think tank on gays and the military at the University of California, Santa Barbara. “Yes, a few will try to become celebrities.”

An Air Force officer and co-founder of a gay service member support group called OutServe said financial considerations are playing a big role in gay service members staying quiet.

— for free. Officials said the collection, expected to be available within months, will feature sections that have been made more legible thanks to high-tech infrared technology.

“We are putting together the past and the future in order to enable all of us to share it,” said Pnina Shor, an official with Israel’s Antiquities Authority.

The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in the late 1940s in caves in the Judean Desert and are considered one of the greatest finds of the last century. After the initial discovery, tens of thousands of fragments were found in 11 caves nearby. Some 30,000 of these have been photographed by the antiquities authority, along with the earlier finds. Together, they make up more than 900 manuscripts.

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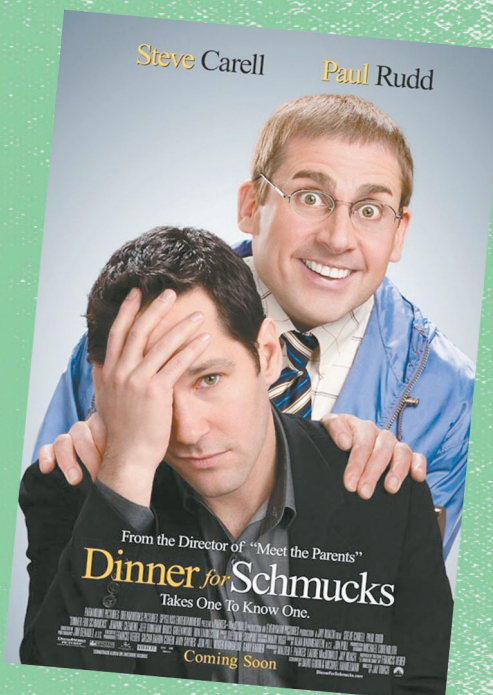


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Tuesday has Haley leading Sheheen by only 2 percentage points, according to Oldendick. “I don’t think it’s that close,” Oldendick said of the poll. “I think her lead is probably closer to 9 percent. Either way, the gap between the two has lessened.”

Parmley said if the race is within a 4- or 5-percentage-point lead for Haley, Sheheen can win.

“If we do a better job than Republicans of getting out the vote on election day, we can win,” Parmley said. “Election day will be far closer in South Carolina than what anybody thinks. If we do our job, we win.”

U.S. Senate Green Party candidate Tom Clements was in the audience at Gambrell

Hall. Clements, a long shot to unseat Republican incumbent Jim DeMint, asked panel members whether they had ever seen a race as bizarre as the race among himself, Democrat Alvin Greene and DeMint.

“It’s one of the strangest things we’ve ever seen,” Oldendick said.

Todd Shaw, an expert in the role of race in politics, said he doesn’t expect African-American voters to widely support Greene.

A Winthrop University poll released last week showed Clements is preferred by 12 percent of voters to Greene’s 11 percent. The poll showed DeMint leading Clements by 46 percentage points.

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— gave final approval to the Darla Moore School of Business’ \$91 million relocation to the Innovista Research District. That project is slated for completion in 2013.

— signed off a \$45 million student health center to replace the outdated Thomson Student Health Center on campus. Construction on the 100,000-square foot center is expected to take four years.

The projects must face state approval in the upcoming months. That process could be more arduous after Budget and Control Board members have balked at rising tuition costs in recent years. They recently approved a moratorium on all capital projects for universities that raised tuition by 7 percent or more last year.

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Libby who have attended 60. This will be their 61st if they come, and they’re planning on coming.”

At 6 a.m. Thursday, Columbia’s newest Chick-fil-A will open in Five Points for the masses. The new location in Columbia is one of 66 the chain is opening this year. It features 4,200 square feet of interior space and seats 184 with outdoor seating as well.

Clayton Dyson, the operating partner of the newest restaurant, said his vision includes lots of community involvement. He’d like to sponsor Halloween and St. Patrick’s Day events in Five Points.

“Over the next few days, we will blitz the area with coupons to let everyone know we’re here,” Dyson said. “We are a very pedestrian friendly place with lots of tables outside for students and walkers who come by, and we also have lots of extra seating and Wi-Fi.”

Dyson said the restaurant is hiring. Applications are available either online or at the restaurant’s location at 901 Harden St.

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USC wisely adds tailgating facility

On Oct. 29, the Columbia State Farmers Market across from Williams-Brice Stadium will close to make way for a tailgating area of “3,000 parking spots, fencing, lighting, bathroom facilities, trees and an amphitheater.”

First off, kudos to the Board of Trustees for approving this desperately needed project. Parking is currently a huge problem around the stadium

“Despite the timing issue, this is a great step forward by our athletics community.”

because we’re one of the few universities in the SEC with an off-campus stadium. Also, the Farmers Market is an eyesore, so it’ll be refreshing to see some more trees in the concrete jungle.

But why is the Farmers Market being closed on Oct. 29? There will only be three home games left after that date, so it doesn’t make sense that local farmers can’t continue operating at the market until the end of the season. Where will tailgaters buy watermelons to fill with vodka?

Despite the timing issue, this is a great step forward by our athletics community. If our football team is going to have more wins like that against Alabama, and less losses like Kentucky, then we need to make room for more fans. Even if they have to tear down the Biscuit House.

Democrats not aloof, Republicans not populist

In midterm elections, voters must avoid traditional party archetypes

Right or left. It’s a choice that seems simple enough. Throw in a government, though, and that simplicity melts away. I have never understood politics, especially the part where Republicans want such-and-such and Democrats want, well, the opposite of that. Of course, after peeling back the layers, I have come to see that both parties share a common direction, and like two arguing parents, both think they know the best way of following that direction. And as midterm elections approach, Mom and Dad are fighting louder than ever.

These elections are on everyone’s minds. They should be on our minds, too, but for several reasons. One reason is that after media mongering from the right and timidity from the left, everyone seems settled in perceptions of each party. The Democrats are good-natured but ineffectual, and the Republicans and the Tea Party are the voices of oppressed Americans — good, down-home folks, the real grassroots. But if you begin to pay attention — not on the national level, but right here

in South Carolina — you’ll see that those assumptions don’t really mean anything.

Take a look at South Carolina’s gubernatorial race. Nikki Haley may be the expected winner, but does she really capture that image of the common people? Her endorsements include Sarah Palin, Mitt Romney, Gun Owners of America and several Tea Party branches, among others. How does this really speak to local South Carolinians? The first two are from states several voters may have never even seen except on a map. Gun Owners of America is just a part of the lobbying system, and don’t even begin to argue to me that the Tea Party still represents the regular American. As much power and publicity as that group has, I think everyday Americans have more in common with sci-fi creatures than they do with Tea Party managers.

Turn on over to Vincent Sheheen’s site, and the story is slightly different. The list of endorsements includes South Carolina mayors, the Chamber of Commerce and



Michael Lambert
Second-year English student

OPINION GRAB BAG

Columnists debate whether the Tea Party is beneficial or detrimental to the Republican Party’s current election hopes and future

The Tea Party is popular, and its subscribers will defeat some Democrats — there’s little doubt of that. Also, much of the Tea Party has been assimilated by the Republican Party, and these winning candidates will be nominally Republican. But this new populist arm of the Republican Party contains a cancerous growth. Tea Party candidates such as Sarah Palin, who doesn’t understand what the Bush doctrine is, and Christine O’Donnell, who recently revealed she doesn’t know that the separation of church and state is in the Constitution, are too moronic to have their possible victories celebrated. Their victories are defeats for all of us, including the Republicans. For all of their “Main Street” rhetoric, Republicans are still primarily an elite, well-educated group of politicians. Their party will only be harmed by incorporating such trash.

Ryan Quinn
Third-year print journalism student

If “good for the Republican Party” means that the Tea Party will help Republicans obtain votes for their candidates, then yes, in the short run, the Tea Party will be very good for the Republican Party. But the key phrase here is “in the short run.” Although there is no consensus on any particular issue, about half of the Tea Partiers want to reduce the role of government, and most of them hate Obama, so it’s expected that they’ll lean toward the right for the time being — or at least for the next election. But if “good for the Republican Party” means that they’ll help to create a stronger, more powerful Republican party that is unified in its beliefs, then the Tea Party is in no way good for Republicans. In the long run, it will only succeed in fractionating the Republican Party into smaller groups as its members realize that without a central head or cause they’re setting themselves up for a war zone of differing beliefs and eventual failure. It’s too early for Republicans to start celebrating.

Alice Chang
First-year international business student

The Tea Party is nothing but a temper tantrum that has Republicans and even some libertarians, huffing, puffing and red (white and blue) in the face. What is all this about getting back to America’s roots, back to our “core values?” In short, the bone of contention is the fear of a slow divorce from capitalism; on a more social level, however, it is a snubbing of forward-thinking, “radical” ideas such as apathy toward religion or atheism, gay rights and the internalization of external environmental costs in a necessary attempt to remedy human kind’s past rape of the environment. What is hilarious is that the Tea Party is eventually going to be the butt of the long-standing political joke of Republican idealism. As renowned Austrian economist Joseph Schumpeter says, capitalism is an endless process of “creative destruction,” which, in theory, promotes upward mobility for all — but in reality is only bound to collapse. The “core values” the Tea Party, especially the media vanguard of the movement Fox News, reiterates are nothing short of subjective and philosophically questionable, and, Jesus Christ, the climate is changing, and, baby, we shouldn’t drill. I feel only sympathy for the Republicans of the future who will look back on this movement and shake their heads at the sheer lunacy.

Emily Shipp
Third-year English student

I think the Tea Party is an embarrassment to the Republican Party and to politics in general. This movement was started to create a common group of people to rant and rave on the same issues. Honestly, the whole Tea Party could just be a huge publicity stunt to gain media attention and votes, but if the only way you can obtain votes is by acting like a radical mad man, then I don’t think you should have any power in government. Hopefully, this Tea Party nonsense will be overshadowed by candidates who can truly change the country instead of just complain about it.

Kristyn Winch
Second-year print journalism student

Horror films, games need newer fiends

Zombies devoid of interest, life

Halloween is coming up, and I’ve realized I have nothing to be afraid of — other than candy corn. The horror industry just hasn’t produced any scary new phantasms, instead deciding to rehash the same fiends our forefathers wet their pants to, their forefathers wet their stockings to and their forefathers wet their loincloths to. The only thing scary nowadays

is how redundant it all is. Case in point: zombies.

I’m not afraid of zombies. Yeah, movie and video game industry, I

said it. Zombies are slow, and if they ever do catch up to bite me, I just turn into one and live forever. What’s so bad about that? Same thing goes for you, too, vampires.

Zombies also don’t make any sense. Yes, I ask for plausibility in my monsters because I can’t be afraid if I’m too busy being confused. First, why do you have to attack their heads? Apparently, zombies must have working brains — the organ they use the least — but having working circulatory or respiratory systems to feed that brain doesn’t matter. To zombies, brains should be just as arbitrary as appendices or tonsils.

Also, if they are hungry, why are they trying to eat me? In a doomsday scenario, the number of humans is limited, but the number of zombies is unlimited. Why not eat one another? Surely bloodthirsty zombies must have no reservations about cannibalism.

Furthermore, why are they hungry at all? If I were raised from the dead, I’d have some serious existential questions to answer before I sat down for a meal. But maybe a beer after I cheated eternity would be nice.

Taking all of these obvious flaws into account, why does Hollywood still try to scare us with zombies? It could be because it knows they are real. The real horde of zombies consists of the idiots who keep buying this trash instead of calling for a more original form of horror.



Ryan Quinn
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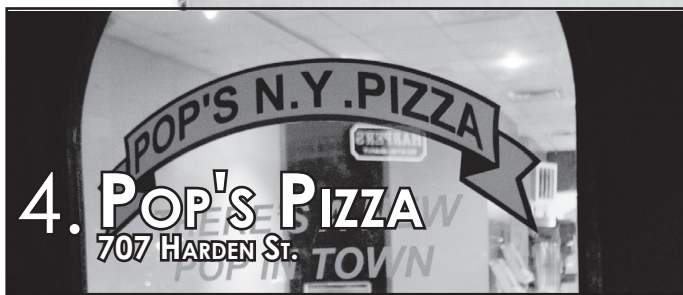
GOULD'S PIZZA PICK 'EM

Columbia offers some diverse options for the college classic — the Americanized Italian delicacy that is pizza. Here are some top spots to grab some savory pies.

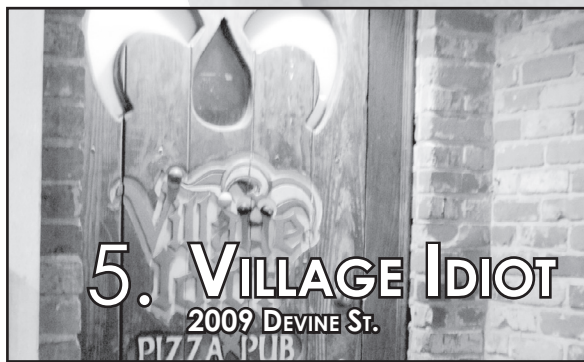
Chloe Gould
STAFF WRITER



Two-for-One Pizza Night, offering a buy one medium pizza, get one free deal. Once you look past the not-so-stunning décor and dimly lit interior, Pizza Man serves up one of the best slices of pizza in Columbia.



New York cheesecake, chocolate-dipped cannoli and fried Double Stuf Oreos, each for under \$4, rounds out the grab-and-go menu well. Available for delivery until 3 a.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, Pop's is one of Five Points' most beloved late-night food stops, with walls covered in customers' Sharpie signatures. With a 20-inch colossal cheese pizza for just \$15, and a slice for only \$2.50, Pop's is definitely the best bang for your buck.



onions, tomatoes and jalapenos, Village falls somewhere in between the mastered mashups of Mellow Mushroom and the quick convenience of Pop's Pizza. Stop by for \$1.50 slices of cheese, Mondays through Wednesdays 4 to 7 p.m.

Pizza Man is a little more of a hidden treasure, removed from the Vista and Five Points. Despite the somewhat “sketchy” exterior, and sometimes questionable service, the casual restaurant serves up a mean pizza. Its thin crust and excess of melted cheese makes each slice better than the last, and the atmosphere lends itself to a repeat, local hangout. Best known for its colossal veggie or meat-lover's pizzas, which each pile the toppings on an already grand pie, Pizza Man rounds out a menu with wings, sandwiches and salads, as well as plenty of cheap drinks. Tuesday is Slice Night, featuring cheese slices for \$1.25, and Thursday is

Pop's Pizza, erring on the more casual side of the pizza joints, selling by the slice or by the pie, can be easily spotted in Five Points with its red- and white-striped awning across from Harper's on Harden Street. Advertised as home to “Authentic New York Pizza, Real Philly Cheesesteaks and the best South Carolina wings,” Pop's is best known for its cheap Italian dishes, including pasta and calzones and, of course, its slices of deliciously greasy pizza. A mouth-watering dessert menu, complete with

Village Idiot wins as best pizza and pub with drink deals and a low-key atmosphere to grab a bite to eat. It's a great place to watch your favorite team play around the bar, or kick back with some friends for drinks. Located on Devine Street in Five Points, with a college-aged clientele and sports-bar vibe, Village Idiot doesn't disappoint, with pizza deals for dinner and drink specials by night. Its New York-style pies don't quite measure up to Pop's greasy treats, but the bar stool island tables and raised booths make for a better atmosphere of friends and food. With a nice selection of moderately priced specialty pizzas, including the Rajun Cajun with blackened chicken,



Nestled in the heart of the Vista, Mellow Mushroom stomps all competition with a huge selection of pizzas, salads, calzones and hoagies, as well as casual booths and long group tables that make for the perfect night out. The two-story restaurant and bar wins over pizza lovers with the restaurant's absolutely savory crust and a listing of winning, pre-picked pizza combos, like the Kosmic Karma or Hot Potato Pie, which more than satisfies with potato, bacon, onion, sour cream, cheese, chives and a little bit of ranch. Another favorite is Mellow's signature pretzels, available with salt, garlic and Parmesan, or honey and cinnamon sugar. With three for \$3.99 or 6 for \$7.39, these make for the perfect tablewide treat. Do expect to wait a while, though — each pie is served fresh from the oven — and be prepared to splurge a little, with a large cheese pizza running at \$16.49.



Zia's Pizzeria in West Columbia offers another take on New York-style pizza in Columbia, S.C. Featuring a menu well-stocked with everyone's favorite Italian dishes like lasagna, chicken Parmesan and baked ziti — available in both individual and family servings — as well as wings, ribs and, of course, a small but delicious selection of homemade pizzas, Zia's takes the cake for most authentic Italian cuisine. The pizzeria is extremely reasonable, with personal 8-inch pizzas starting at \$6, and 18-inch or Sicilian pies starting at just \$13. Unique additions to the menu, at least among the top pizza picks, are the Italian grinders, including the Sicilian Beef and Chicken Parmagiana Grinders, for around \$8

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Morton brings back pure, old-fashioned rock ‘n’ roll

Gritty singer/songwriter to perform at White Mule tonight with Katie Quick, Loose Shoes

Thad Moore
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

If there was one word to describe Ken Will Morton, “indefinable” might be as good as it gets. Morton, based in Athens, Ga., brings a unique perspective to music that listeners have described as Americana, Southern rock and alt-country. Regardless of his musical genre, Morton is unafraid to combine his raw, gritty vocals with twangy guitars, jamming harmonicas and soulful organs.

“I don't really see a Southern rock thing,” he admitted. Instead, he would rather describe his music simply as “just rock ‘n’ roll, maybe even confessional rock ‘n’ roll.”

Citing musical inspiration from Waylon Jennings and the Replacements' lead singer Paul Westerberg, among others, he makes music that harkens back to a simpler time.

“People played on their front porch songs [that] they wrote or that were passed down,” he said. “There was just a lot of purity back then.”

That personal spirit lives on in Morton's music. His songs thrive on themes including “the frailties of life,” “the transiency of it all” and “perseverance,” and he said he hopes listeners will find “kindred spirits” and “recognize some lyrical themes and how they relate to their lives, and maybe get a tune in their heads at the same time.”

All these elements are found on the aptly titled album “True Grit,” Morton's fifth solo full-length album, released earlier this year on Sojourn Records. The album overall is an intimate affair marked by Morton's pervading sense of gritty authenticity, as the musical mood ranges from the soaring “Muscadine Wine” to the somber closing track “The Fool.”

Even after this year's release, though, the singer/songwriter is already writing and



Courtesy of Nathan Rodriguez

Morton says his music hearkens back to an older time, focusing on perseverance and grit.

recording new music. Working most recently with Atlanta-based producer and musician Ben Holst, Morton has already written “a bunch of new songs,” though he has “no cohesive record right now in the works.”

While his past work has focused on personal situations or “people that overcome adversity,” Morton said the inspiration for his latest songs stem from “a turn of a phrase or something that piques my interest.”

When not writing new music, he has been working with director Robert Gaston, whose film “The Flight of the Cardinal” (2010) features Morton's “On My Feet Again,” and playing concerts throughout the Southeast.

Morton's tour reaches Columbia tonight at 8 p.m. as Morton joins Chicago country pop musician Katie Quick and Atlanta blues and rock duo Loose Shoes at the White Mule.

All in all, Morton's plans for the future are simple: “I just try to take it one day at a time ... and [I hope] the muse keeps paying me visits.”

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CIRCA SURVIVE GUITARIST Q&A

Colin Frangicetto discusses new album, musical evolution, plans for future of Pennsylvania-based screamo band

Sydney Patterson
THE DAILY GAMECOCK



Circa Survive, from Doylestown, Pa., began in 2004 when vocalist Anthony Green and guitarist Colin Frangicetto decided to turn their long-time friendship and garage band beginnings into a new musical act with bassist Nick Beard, drummer Steve Clifford and guitarist Brendan Ekstrom. Their latest album, “Blue Sky Noise,” was released in April of 2010 and follows three previous works: “The Inuit Sessions,” an EP released in 2005; “Juturna,” their debut album later in 2005; and “On Letting Go,” another LP put out in 2007. “On Letting Go” received much critical acclaim, and debuted at No. 24 on the Billboard 200. The band then signed to Atlantic Records and released “Blue Sky Noise.” They’ve played with numerous bands, including My Chemical Romance, Thrice, Rise Against and 30 Seconds to Mars. The five-man band recently embarked on a U.S. tour to promote “Blue Sky Noise” and are playing the Music Farm in Charleston today. The Daily Gamecock talked to Frangicetto about the band’s past, present and future goals.

THE DAILY GAMECOCK : WHAT’S THE ORIGIN OF THE BAND’S NAME?

COLIN FRANGICETTO:

One night Anthony and I were kind of out and about and sitting at a bar and started tearing through my notebook and finding word pairings that we felt were representative of the band’s goals and things we felt were important to our music. We wanted something that could be interpreted in multiple ways, and we stumbled across those two words. Survival was kind of the root of what we were trying to express, which was a bare minimum — “whatever you need to get by” mentality. Excess fame and things like that aren’t important, basically to express the feeling of the time period that is based strictly on survival means.

TDG : WHAT WAS THE BAND’S ULTIMATE GOAL WHILE WRITING “BLUE SKY NOISE?”

CF: The ultimate goal was pretty much to progress in a way that made us feel that we were taking advantage of all our potential and emotional capacities. We wanted to really show diversity on this record. The last two albums were more “one note,” evenly tempered throughout the record. We wanted to show a diversity of sound and feeling on this record, as well as really wanting to hone in on our writing skills. A lot of that just comes down to time spent, and we really spent a lot of time on this record. We paid close attention to sequencing and making sure that as a whole it was a cohesive piece of art and something people could experience from start to finish and enjoy it the way we enjoy a lot of our favorite records.

TDG : WHAT WAS IT LIKE WORKING WITH DAVID BOTTRILL?

CF: Fantastic. He’s very smart, very patient and just an interesting person to work with. He’s worked with so many amazing artists and made incredible records; it’s our dream come true to get to do this with him. I couldn’t imagine doing it with anyone else. I think he was the perfect person for us to work with on this record. It was one of those experiences we’ll never forget.

TDG : TELL ME ABOUT THE CREEK HOUSE, WHERE YOU WROTE THE LATEST ALBUM.

CF: It’s a house that we’ve been renting for about two years now on a nature preserve about 20 minutes outside of the town where we all live. It’s where we wrote most of the record and recorded all the demos. It’s a very peaceful place, very inspiring, and induces quite a lot of creative energy.

TDG : HOW HAVE YOU EVOLVED AS A BAND OVER TIME?

CF: I think we’ve become better songwriters, showmen and better friends to each other. It’s interesting the way the band has evolved into a thing that involves way more than the five of us. We have a crew we’re constantly engaged with, a great manager and managing team, great people at our label; all of those people that are kind of what Circa Survive is. It’s crazy to think all of this came out of a few conversations Anthony and I had a few years back. It never ends, though; there’s always more goals ahead and always room for more growth.

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Capstone residents sit down to watch “Zombieland” and eat Insomnia cookies.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES You must devise a creative plan that includes your partner and other important individuals. You won’t satisfy everyone but will provide basic needs.

TAURUS Your need for independence may lead to travel away from home. A friend suggests an unexpected destination that suits your mood beautifully.

GEMINI Rapidly developing circumstances force you to adapt to social demands. In the process, an idea transforms, and you discover opportunities.

CANCER If you want the spotlight today, you can have it, but only if you overcome an objection from a close associate. You can share if you’re willing.

LEO What you think you want in the morning changes dramatically halfway through the day. Others offer alternatives that seem more appealing. Now you have choices.

VIRGO You want change, and you’re willing to run right out and make it. Younger people may seem inflexible on at least one point. Be patient.

LIBRA The course of love doesn’t run smoothly for someone in your family. You can soothe ruffled feathers by telling jokes and being utterly silly.

SCORPIO Apply your creativity to concrete problems with a sibling or neighbor. It’s better to have a great plan than to rush forward without one.

SAGITTARIUS You may need to spend money today on others. Listen to demands and then figure out what can be done to accommodate them without breaking the budget.

CAPRICORN Creative requirements at home cause you to notice that your skills are in high demand. Shop carefully for the best bargain and quality.

AQUARIUS You want to shout your news from the rooftops. Call the essential parties first. They deserve to know in advance. Then, issue a press release.

PISCES You don’t have to take the spotlight today. In fact, others benefit when you allow them to have their say and reserve your response for another day.

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WHERE: Jillian's (Vista)

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WHAT: Freshman Social
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4 Student of Socrates

9 Travel like Eris or Ceres

14 Zippo

15 Put to work

16 Source of some urban pollution

17 Temptations number

19 First name in TV talk

20 CIA boss Panetta

21 Ward, to Beaver

22 Brunch fare

23 Tell-all news story

25 Market special

27 Guinness serving

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34 Pre-fax communication

37 Mob hit victim, often

39 Worthless talk

40 -garde

41 “Thrilla in Manila” boxer

42 School rides

43 Soprano Fleming

44 Spray graffiti on, say

45 Stocks or bonds

46 Swap the old for the new

48 First name in scat

50 Legendary loch

52 21-Across, slangily

56 Having just exercised

60 Returns pro

62 Move carefully

63 Convention nametag word

64 Doris Day number

66 Poland Spring competitor

67 Carriage return, these days

68 Catch some rays

69 Campus VIPs

70 Tractor maker John

71 USNA grad

Down

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3 Single-masted ship

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5 Tree also known as basswood

6 Andrea Bocelli delivery

7 Works the bar

8 “To a ...” poem

9 Josh White number

10 Thespian’s résumé listing

11 Fin or sawbuck

12 “Now it’s clear!”

13 Backpacker’s shelter

18 Still in the crate

22 Soccer shout

24 Tennessee Ernie Ford number

26 Things to wear

28 Homeless itinerants

30 One with a cause

31 Greet the villain

32 Blunted blade

33 Remainder

34 Like sourballs

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Defense concerns Spurrier

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South Carolina to adjust strategy after second-half struggles against UK

James Kratch
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Steve Spurrier knows his team has a pressing issue, and he isn't sugarcoating it.

"We've got a problem here at South Carolina football right now. It's called pass defense," Spurrier said. "We're not playing our assignments, and if the guys are confused, we've got to coach better."

The Gamecocks were burned through the air by Mike Hartline and Kentucky throughout their second-half meltdown, including the scoring play to a wide open Randall Cobb late in the fourth quarter that gave UK its 31-28 come-from-behind win. Spurrier said he fears confusion is a large factor in the pass defense woes.

"We appear confused way too often now. We're going to try and simplify some things," he said. "We're going to try to put our guys in position where they can't screw up. Hopefully, that will help us as we go down the stretch here."

Much has been made of USC's soft zone pass defense and how UK was able to pick it apart at will over the weekend. Spurrier said USC plans to show more diversity in its coverage schemes, including more utilization of man coverage.

"We hope to [use man coverage] more. We should be using a little bit more press man," Spurrier said. "A lot of times, third-and-13s, third-and-14s is not really the time for that, but the third-and-2s and -3s, we should be using more man. We're going to try and do it in the future."

Miles to play: Spurrier reaffirmed his statement on Sunday's media teleconference that Kenny Miles will see significant time at tailback Saturday as Marcus Lattimore is expected to miss the game with a sprained ankle.

"Kenny's fired up," Spurrier said. "Coach Graham and I talked, and I said, 'Let's give Kenny a chance.'"

Miles was USC's leading rusher last season, carrying the ball 117 times for 626 yards and a touchdown, but he has been relegated to only nine carries for 34 yards through the first six games due to the emergence of Lattimore.

"Kenny's ready to play. He's had a wonderful attitude all through these first six games. He deserves to play," Spurrier said. "He was our leading rusher [last year]. We've got to run Kenny this week, and hopefully we can make some holes for him."

Spurrier implied Miles would start against the Commodores. However, when asked if Lattimore was a definite scratch, Spurrier said the absence of the star freshman was not a guarantee.

"I wouldn't say he's definitely out," Spurrier said. "He can walk right now. He may make a nice recovery between now and then. We'll see how he's running around on Thursday or Friday."

The updated USC depth chart says either Lattimore or Miles will start.

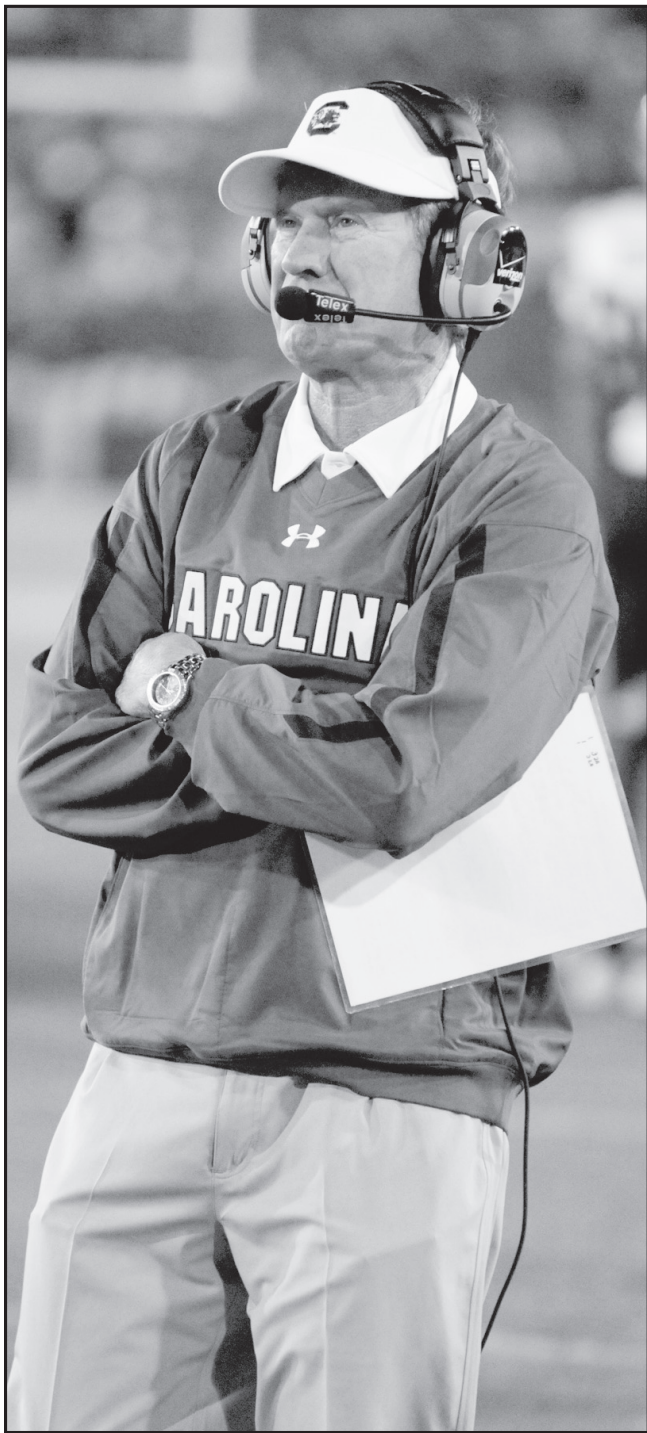
Movin' on: Ever since the UK game, the Gamecocks have stressed the need to move on and move forward.

Spurrier said he was reminded of this in his car as he drove to Williams-Brice Stadium Tuesday morning.

"We're trying to move on from last week," he said. "I heard the Rascal Flatts song on the radio coming in today: 'I'm Movin' On.' That's what we've got to do."

"We've got to move on. We've got to correct a lot of things we're doing wrong around here."

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South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier looks on in USC's 31-28 loss to Kentucky last Saturday in Lexington.

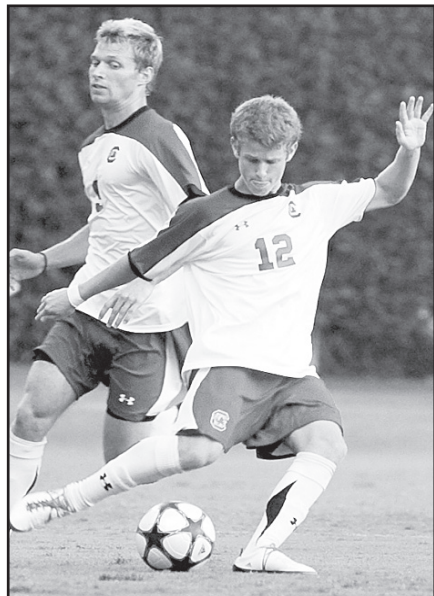
Soccer falls to North Carolina

Gamecocks shut out, lose 1-0 to Tar Heels in Chapel Hill

Isabelle Khursdhudyan
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Heading into Tuesday night's matchup against No. 3 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the South Carolina men's soccer team was well aware of the challenge it faced.

"I think the first thing you have to do in a match like this is capitalize on your chances," coach Mark Berson



Richard Pearce / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

USC's Chipper Root takes a shot against the College of Charleston earlier this year.

said. "Against North Carolina, up at their place, you must think that the chances will be limited."

What the Gamecocks might not have anticipated was Blake Brettschneider's red card just four minutes into the second half, making taking advantage of limited chances an even greater challenge.

Not only was USC now short one player, but it was also without one of its seniors and leading scorers. Brettschneider entered Tuesday night's game with four goals and five assists.

Despite the adversity, South Carolina was able to hold UNC scoreless until the 78th minute when Robbie Lovejoy was able to capitalize off a rebound on a South Carolina corner kick and score the lone goal of the game to lift North Carolina to a 1-0 victory.

Lovejoy entered the game in the 53rd minute and scored his first goal of the season. The goal came just after the Tar Heels faced some of their own difficulties just five minutes earlier when Alex Dixon got a red card.

The Tar Heels' greatest advantage was their corner kicks, as UNC had 13 to South Carolina's three, though ironically, Lovejoy scored off a breakaway from USC's corner kicks.

Throughout the last 20 minutes of the game, USC had optimal chances to tie the game, but was unable to capitalize, which ultimately led to its

downfall as Berson predicted.

In the 83rd minute, Chipper Root took a corner kick for South Carolina that led to a shot by Danny Cates, but it was saved by North Carolina goalkeeper Scott Goodwin.

Then, just four minutes later, Stephen Morrissey had a chance to tie the game for the Gamecocks, but his shot was high.

Despite the lackluster offensive performance, the Gamecocks were solid on defense outside of Lovejoy's goal, with goalkeeper Jimmy Maurer tallying five saves throughout the game. North Carolina had 18 goals throughout the game.

USC's loss comes after a 1-1 tie with Central Florida at home, and now the Gamecocks travel to Marshall on Thursday with hopes of rebounding from their recent uninspiring performances. More significantly, the Gamecocks look to continue to stay in the hunt for the division crown.

"The conference right now at this point in the season is very tight," Berson said. "Every point is important. We've done a great job thus far, but the second and third weeks in October are telling weeks for teams in conference play, and this is where we need to dig in."

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POWER RANKINGS: WEEK 7

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1. AUBURN (up one)

The Tigers keep on rolling after a thumping of Arkansas. Quarterback Cam Newton continues to make himself a Heisman contender and the offense is still running wild. If Auburn can shore up its defense, the Tigers should be 11-0 when they travel to Alabama.

3. LSU (up three)

There's just something about Les Miles. Is it really better to be lucky than good? The Tigers looked unimpressive against McNeese State, but they're still 7-0 thanks to a staunch defense. The big test comes this weekend against Auburn.

5. Miss. STATE (up two)

Dan Mullen is on the rise. The Bulldogs sit at 5-2 and look to claim bowl eligibility this weekend against mighty UAB. MSU will be winners of five straight when Mullen welcomes Kentucky in two weeks.

7. FLORIDA (down three)

Steve Addazio is taking heat in Gainesville after his offense put up another stinker against Mississippi State last weekend. Seven points at home against the Bulldogs is unacceptable. The Gators are struggling.

9. GEORGIA (up four)

The Bulldogs are finally picking up momentum after consecutive blowout wins over Tennessee and Vanderbilt. Left for dead after a loss at Colorado, Georgia has a legitimate shot to take down Florida next week in Jacksonville.

11. OLE MISS (down two)

The Rebels held serve against Alabama last weekend in a game most thought the angry Crimson Tide might walk away from after their loss to USC. The Rebels still aren't very good, but moral victories are OK sometimes, I guess.

2. ALABAMA (down one)

It's hard to put LSU in this week's No. 2 spot despite its unblemished record. Let's face it, Alabama is still the defending national champion and rebounded nicely after its upset loss at South Carolina.

4. CAROLINA (up one)

The Gamecocks were unimpressive to say the least in the second half against Kentucky last week, but USC is still in first place in the wacky and wild SEC East. USC should still be 6-2 when the Razorbacks come to town in November.

6. ARKANSAS (down three)

It looked like it might be hell on Earth for the Razorbacks Saturday when Ryan Mallett went down with an injury. But backup quarterback Tyler Wilson threw for over 300 yards and four touchdowns. Now if only Arkansas can shore up its defense. 65 points. Ouch.

8. KENTUCKY (up three)

The Wildcats, despite being just 1-3 in the league, are a real threat to win the SEC East after their upset win over South Carolina. Watch out for Randall Cobb — he's the heart of this team. Now if only he can get the fans to show up like he suggests on Twitter.

10. VANDY (down two)

Vandy, despite having its doors (get it?) blown off last week to Georgia, still controls its own destiny in the SEC East. Go figure. Big test this week at home against South Carolina. A win would really shake up the division.

12. TENNESSEE (down two)

The Vols just stink. Seriously. Outside of that hilarious loss to LSU, Tennessee has done next to nothing this season. And now they welcome Alabama to Neyland Stadium on Saturday. Good luck.

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